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Sir:

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The prior art references are set forth below and on the Form PTO-1449.

Japanese Patent Publication HEI 7-305715

Japanese Patent Publication HEI 11-303846

The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner give full consideration to the information disclosed herein, make it of record in this Application, and complete and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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